



July 11, 2008

Mr. Bill Booth
Chairman
Northwest Power and Conservation Council
851 S.W. 6th Avenue, Suite 1100
Portland, OR 97204-1348

RE: Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program High Level Indicators

Dear Bill,

Thank you for providing PNGC Power with the opportunity to comment on the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's (Council) proposed Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program High Level Indicators.

PNGC Power supports efforts to determine and measure the effectiveness of regional fish and wildlife mitigation programs. The Council has and should continue to play a key role in providing reports on indicators of success, such as those outlined as the Biological and Implementation Indicators document released at the June 2008 Council meeting.

These important indicators should not be included in body of the Program itself, however. The Council's program should be a high level policy document providing background information and guidance, not a vehicle to create new functions and funding for fish and wildlife entities.

Northwest ratepayers, including PNGC Power's owners, shoulder the cost of most Columbia River fish and wildlife programs, including those directed by the Council. Our members believe that ratepayer-funded programs should be supported by the best-available science and provide the greatest benefit to ESA-listed fish, at the lowest cost.

We look forward to working with the Council throughout this important and timely process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dan James'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Dan' being more prominent than the last name 'James'.

Dan James
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